

MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 36 OF 2019

(Marine Industrial Safety)

Safe Ship Repairing Practices

A fatal accident occurred on board a container vessel during the course of installation and welding of a T-shaped steel stiffener onto the deckhead of a compartment at a local shipyard in June 2017. A shipyard rigger was struck by the fallen T-shaped steel stiffener while the rigger with his workmate attempted to alter the securing point of one of the two chain blocks used to lift the T-shaped stiffener closer to the deckhead for welding.

2. To avoid the recurrence of similar accident, persons in charge of works, employers, works supervisors, foremen and workers participated in works are reminded to adhere to the following safety instruction:-

To assess the risk of each work step in the rigging by laying down proper work procedures as well as instructing personnel participated in rigging to strictly follow the procedures.

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